

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JUTE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the jute industry/ manufacturers are facing hardship due to shortage of jute fibre in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for ample availability of raw material to jute industry for production of jute products;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open Jute Service Centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the production of jute;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to ensure 100 per cent reservation for packaging of foodgrains and sugar in the jute bags/jute packaging materials and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the efforts made by the Government to increase the use of jute/jute products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No Madam, there is no such proposal at present.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): As per the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in Packaging Commodity) Act, 1987 (JPM Act), jute packaging material is compulsorily used in the supply and distribution of certain commodities. Under the said Act, Government has been specifying the commodities and their percentage thereof for compulsory packaging in the jute packaging material for each year after considering the recommendations of Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) constituted under the JPM Act. and taking into account the availability of raw jute, capacity of jute industry, the likely demand of jute packaging material and the interest of the persons engaged in the jute industry and in the production of raw jute etc. The matter regarding compulsory use of jute packaging material for the packaging of foodgrains and sugar during the jute year 2013-14 (July-June) is under consideration of the Government.

(f): Government of India is implementing various schemes to increase the use of jute/jute products in the country. Some of the important schemes are as under:-

(i) The Jute Technology Mission (JTM) had been launched as a major initiative for overall development of the jute industry and growth of the jute sector with a total outlay of Rs.355.55 crores. Under the JTM, several schemes were operational under the Mini Mission I, II, III & IV for the overall growth of jute sector. Mini Mission-IV provided for the modernization of jute industry, upgradation of skills, market promotion and exports etc. which helps to increase use of jute/jute products.

(ii) In order to increase use of jute/jute products, Government provides for compulsory packaging of certain percentage of foodgrains & Sugar in jute under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987.

(iii) The Govt. of India encourages extensive research in jute in order to increase production of Jute Diversified Products (JDPs). Promotion of Jute Geotextiles (JGT) is one of the most important diversified jute products with huge potential to have large scale application. National Jute Board (NJB), a statutory body under this Ministry explores new market avenues for boosting use of jute goods to promote/increase the use of jute/jute products in the country and abroad. National Jute Board (NJB) regularly organises trade fairs in India and abroad to explore new markets for boosting use of jute goods.

